

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) A method for detecting a plurality of CFTR alleles, comprising:

- a) providing a sample comprising CFTR target nucleic acid;
- b) simultaneously amplifying of at least 20 CFTR alleles from said CFTR target nucleic acid wherein said at least 20 CFTR alleles comprise single nucleotide polymorphisms and deletion mutations with ~~25~~ 17 cycles or fewer of a polymerase chain reaction to generate said at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles; and
- c) exposing said at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles to a plurality of detection assays wherein said detection assays comprise invasive cleavage assays configured to detect a plurality of CFTR alleles under conditions such that the presence or absence of said CFTR alleles is detected.

29. (cancelled)

30. (original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said plurality of CFTR alleles comprise thirty or more different CFTR alleles.

31-32. (cancelled)

33. (original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said amplifying is conducted within a single reaction vessel.

34-35. (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein said sample comprises a

blood sample.

37. (currently amended) A method for detecting a plurality of CFTR alleles in a single reaction vessel, comprising:

- a) providing a sample comprising CFTR target nucleic acid;
- b) simultaneously amplifying, in a single reaction vessel, said target nucleic acid with ~~multiple cycles~~ 17 cycles or fewer of a polymerase chain reaction to generate at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles wherein said at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles comprise single nucleotide polymorphisms and deletion mutations; and
- c) exposing said at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles, in said single reaction vessel, to at least twenty detection assays wherein said detection assays comprise invasive cleavage assays configured to detect at least twenty different CFTR alleles under conditions such that the presence or absence of said at least twenty different CFTR alleles is detected.

38. (previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein said at least twenty CFTR alleles comprises thirty or more different CFTR alleles.

39-42 (cancelled)

43. (previously presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein said sample comprises a blood sample.

44. (currently amended) A method for detecting a plurality of CFTR alleles in a single reaction vessel, comprising:

- a) providing a sample comprising CFTR target nucleic acid;
- b) simultaneously amplifying, in a single reaction vessel, at least 20 CFTR alleles from said CFTR target nucleic acid wherein said at least 20 CFTR alleles comprise single nucleotide polymorphisms and deletion mutations with ~~25~~ 17

cycles or fewer of a polymerase chain reaction to generate amplified target nucleic acid; and

c) exposing said at least 20 amplified CFTR alleles, in said single reaction vessel, to at least twenty detection assays wherein said detection assays comprise invasive cleavage assays configured to detect at least twenty different CFTR alleles under conditions such that the presence or absence of said at least twenty different CFTR alleles is detected.

45-46. (canceled)

47. (previously presented) The method of Claim 44, wherein said sample comprises a blood sample.